

A guide to getting active in your community

Sharing the expertise of community leaders in Rotherham

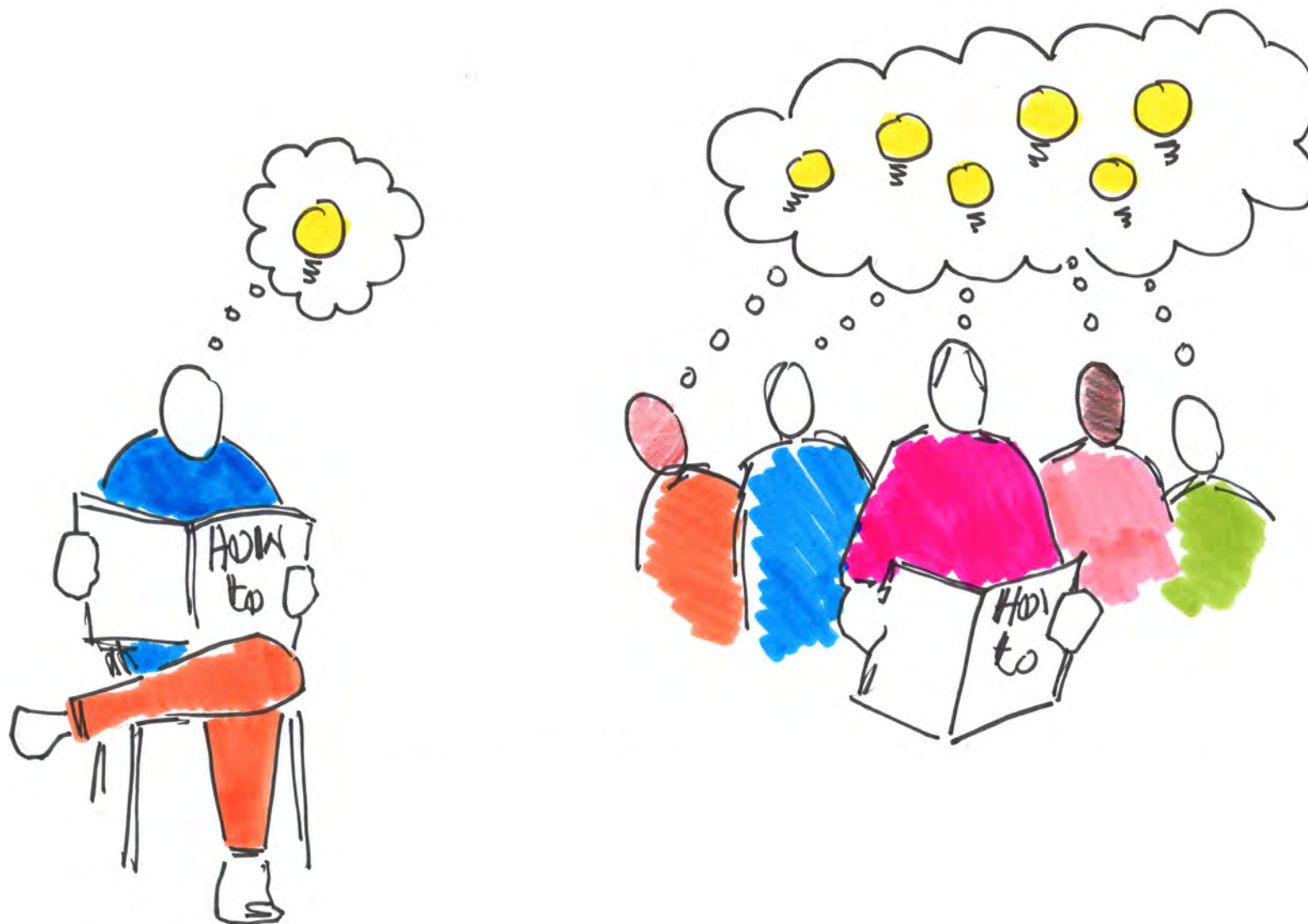


How and when to use this guide.





Use it by yourself or with your community.



You might want to use it step-by-step.

If you like you can use this whole guide as a step-by-step template for working up ideas and plans for a particular community idea.



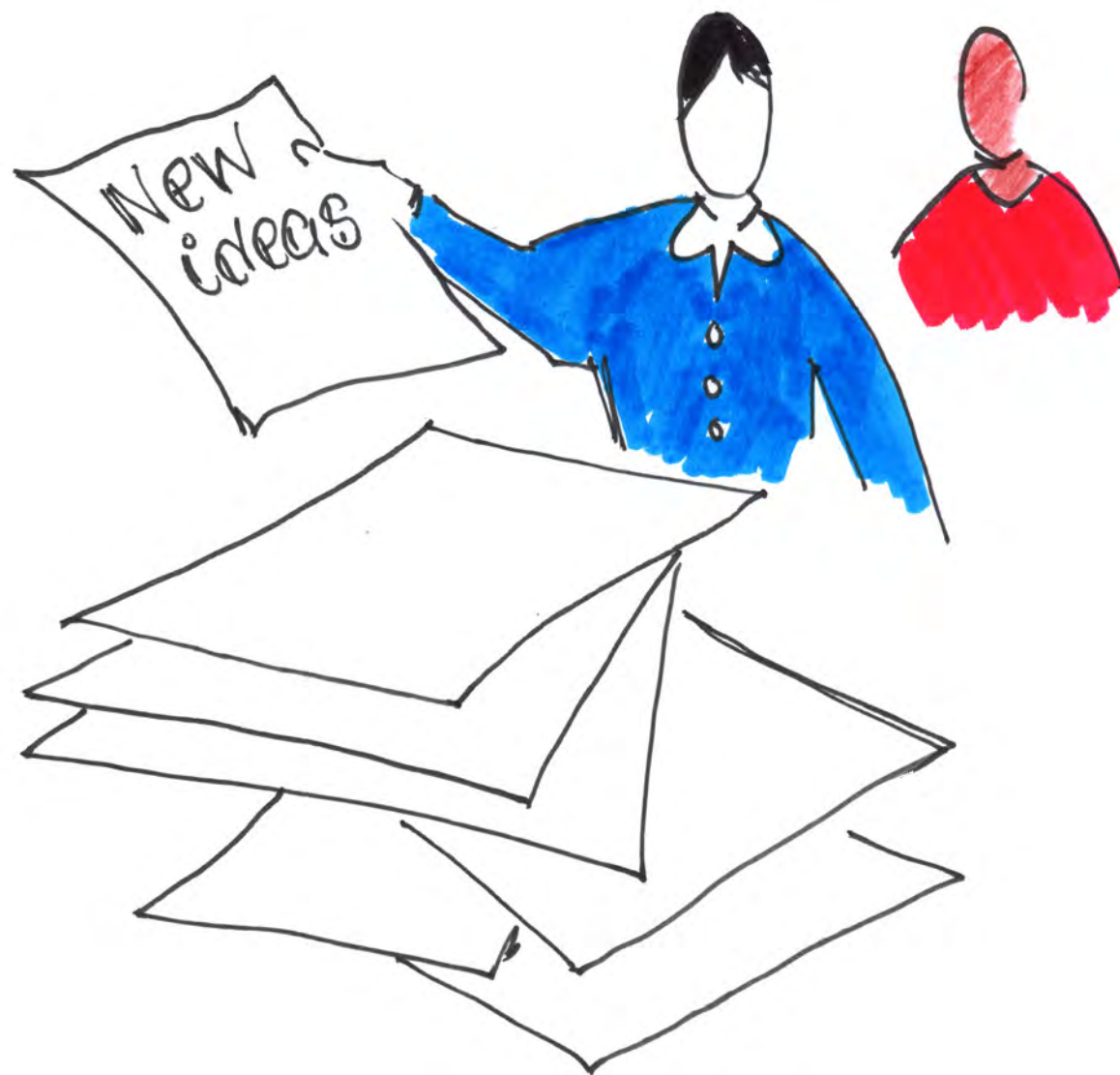
The guide can be used as a way to help others get involved in the community ideas and projects.

Each stage helps groups of people put their thinking caps on and share ideas, points of view, plan for action and look to new ways of organising for action.



Keeping the guide alive.

It's important the guide grows and is shaped in ways that you find helpful. So please feel free to add new stages, change the words or reorder the flow.



Getting active in my community & neighborhood.

Things I could do —

Look for the people who are doing
things and contact them.



Why is it a good idea?

"It gets me out of the house."

"I was always interested in what was going on... I get a sense of satisfaction."

"I got involved to try & make the place better for everyone."

Your thoughts

Scribble your ideas here

Understanding what's out there already.

Spot where people do stuff and introduce yourself.

Look out for information that's promoting community opportunity. Newsletters or social media are a good place to start.





"Cast your net as wide as possible to find out what's going on."

"Speak to people... listen to what they're doing."

Ideas and things

Write your thoughts here

How do we begin to get organised and busy?

Invite people to share their ideas.
You never know where it will lead.

Put your ideas and opportunities out there promote them even in small ways to get people interested.



“Create networks – let people know what you are doing.”

“Make personal connections – say hello to people, start a conversation and share your ideas.”

Your thoughts

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Ways to get others involved.

Create opportunities for people to come together and use this time to say more about your ideas and hear about their ideas too!

Look for people with energy.





**“You can be a melting pot
for ideas... for doing things.”**

**“Find common ground...
encourage others.”**

What are you thinking?
Scribble your ideas here

How to celebrate our success.

Use the local media to spread the word.

Offer praise and bring people together to feel good about what they've done.





“Have a cuppa together and share the achievements.”

“Congratulate and say well done to people.”

Got some thoughts?
Scribble them down

How we can begin to tell others, sharing success & know how.

Knock on doors and ask people what they want, hope for and how they'd like it to be.

Let people know who to contact to share ideas, success and progress.

Bring people together for a chat over coffee or food so you can share and hear about ideas.





"Use social media... there are community groups on facebook."

"Get the word out there."

Got some ideas?

Write them down here

Barriers and Boosters

Sometimes statutory bodies, like councils are hard to work with.
Be patient. Find people who can help.

Remember to be persistent. The rewards will come through. It's a marathon not a sprint!



start   finish
It takes  time

“Build relationships – use people’s skills & knowledge.”

“Keep the milestones manageable.”

Your thoughts

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Keeping going, keeping growing.

- One idea may lead to another
- Be ambitious & think of the future
- Keep in touch with like minded people
- Share your ideas
- Listen to other people's ideas and plans





**“A cup of tea will help you
on your way.”**

Your thoughts

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